

BUDGET LETTER

SUBJECT: EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	NUMBER: 20-29
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TO: Agency Secretaries
Department Directors
Departmental Budget and Accounting Officers
Department of Finance Budget and Accounting Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BUDGET OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS BUDGET LETTER (BL) TO HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS OFFICES.

This BL provides departments with instructions for scheduling 2020-21 Control Section (Section) 3.60 retirement rate adjustments as part of the 2021-22 budget process.

Deadlines and Deliverables	
September 11, 2020	Section 3.60 Employer Retirement Rate Contribution Adjustment Workbook (Attachment 1), adjustments in Hyperion, and supporting documentation, including but not limited to Management Information Retrieval System (MIRS) reports, due to Finance Budget Analysts.

A. Background

Retirement Rates Have Changed

The Legislature adopted new employer retirement contribution rates, which have been updated pursuant to the California Public Employees' Retirement System Circular Letter 200-035-20, that are not yet reflected in departmental base budgets. Pursuant to Section 3.60 of the Budget Act, departmental appropriations will be adjusted to accurately reflect the state's share of retirement costs through the Budget Executive Order process. The following table displays the retirement rates for 2019-20 and 2020-21:

Retirement Category	2019-20 Retirement Rates	2020-21 Retirement Rates
Miscellaneous, Tier 1	31.075%	29.37%
CSU, Miscellaneous, Tier 1	31.075%	29.37%
Miscellaneous, Tier 2	31.075%	29.37%
State Industrial	21.704%	18.19%
State Safety	22.708%	19.95%
Peace Officer/Firefighter	48.845%	36.10%
CSU, Peace Officer/Firefighter	48.845%	36.10%
Highway Patrol	59.130%	60.16%

Glossary Relevant to this BL

The following terms are used throughout this BL:

BBA	=	Baseline Budget Adjustment. These are baseline expenditure adjustments such as employee compensation, carryovers, etc.
BR	=	Budget Request. These are issues identifying changes to dollar amounts and/or positions for any fiscal year in the system.
BU	=	Business Unit. This four-digit number is equivalent to an organization code/entity.
BY	=	Budget Year (Fiscal Year 2021-22).
Category	=	An account code in the Chart of Accounts.
CY	=	Current Year (Fiscal Year 2020-21).
ENY	=	Enactment Year (formerly Year of Appropriation).

B. General Instructions

To request funding for eligible adjustments, departments must complete and submit the Section 3.60 Employer Retirement Rate Contribution Adjustment Workbook (Attachment 1), adjustments in Hyperion, and related supporting documentation, including but not limited to MIRS reports, to Finance Budget Analysts **no later than September 11, 2020**. This information is necessary to support the funding request and provide the necessary scheduling information to the State Controller's Office (SCO) to process the Budget Executive Order. **If a department fails to meet this deadline, Finance will calculate and schedule the adjustment; in such instances, departments may not have an opportunity to adjust any calculations and scheduling performed by Finance.** Please refer to the following instructions.

C. Section 3.60 Employer Retirement Rate Contribution Adjustment Worksheet (Attachment 1)

3.60 Checklist

Departments should utilize the checklist provided in Attachment 1 to verify accurate completion of Attachment 1, the associated Hyperion entries, and the BBA Upload Template, if used.

3.60 Contribution Adjustment Worksheet

If all positions listed on the Schedule 7A are affected by the retirement rate changes listed in this BL, use the Regular/Ongoing Positions salaries in the current year column (2020-21) from the Schedule 7A (see highlighted cell in Schedule 7A example) for the 2020-21 Salary Base on this worksheet. If a department has positions not affected by the retirement rate changes listed in this BL, the department should exclude those positions and work with its Finance Budget Analyst to identify the appropriate salary base to be adjusted (e.g., CalSTRS members). **Do not modify formulas in the worksheet**; all cells are formula driven, except for the 2020-21 Salary Base. **Augmentations will not be provided for limited-term positions and temporary help blanket positions.**

Schedule 7A Example

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT Classification	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			EXPENDITURES		
	Filled 2019-20	Authorized 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22	Actual 2019-20	Estimated 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22
				(Salary Range)		
Administration						
Exec Director	0.9	1.0	1.0	\$8,369-9,053	\$105,300	\$105,300
Program Mgr. I	0.8	1.0	1.0	5,079-6,127	64,267	67,483
Assoc Program Officer	0.8	2.0	2.0	4,400-5,348	107,140	112,497
Exec Asst	0.6	1.0	1.0	3,288-3,996	45,674	45,674
Staff Services Analyst	0.9	-	-	2,817-4,446	-	-
TOTALS, AUTHORIZED POSITIONS	5.0	6.0	6.0	\$294,552	\$370,738	\$380,597
Regular/Ongoing Positions	4.0	5.0	5.0	256,132	322,381	330,954
Temporary Help	1.0	1.0	1.0	25,613	32,238	33,095
Overtime	-	-	-	12,807	16,119	16,548

3.60 Fund Split Worksheet

Provide the unique appropriation item information (BU, Reference, Fund, Program, and Category) for each adjustment. **Category 51506XX (Retirement) must be used for these adjustments.** The only exception is scheduling adjustments as Distributed Administrative Costs (Program 9900200), which use Category 5342500 (Indirect Distributed Cost). If reimbursement adjustments are necessary, a Category 51506XX adjustment must be made in Fund 0995. The total from the 3.60 Fund Split Worksheet must tie to the 3.60 Contribution Adjustment Worksheet in Attachment 1.

To correctly classify funds and eliminate errors, the 3.60 Fund Split Worksheet includes a drop-down list of all funds by fund number as well as all applicable adjustment categories to select rather than keying in manually. The fund classification will auto-populate based on the fund/category selected. While this process *should* help mitigate errors, departments must verify each fund classification by reconciling it to the Uniform Codes Manual (UCM). Please refer to the [UCM, Numerical Fund Listing](#).

Federal funds and bond funds will be classified as non-governmental cost funds.

3.60 Crossties Worksheet

To ensure that all adjustments within Attachment 1 agree, the formula-driven crossties on this worksheet must all reflect "0" for the current year.

D. Instructions—BRs in Hyperion and BBA Upload Templates

General Information

After completing Attachment 1, departments are required to complete a BR in Hyperion for Retirement Rate Adjustments.

Adjustments in Hyperion must correspond to the adjustments listed on the 3.60 Fund Split Worksheet. If uploading to Hyperion, departments must use the latest [BBA Excel Upload Template](#).

Departments must use the following for the BR created:

1. Use the standard naming conventions to provide a unique BR name (for example, 2222-XXX-BBA-2021-GB). **REMINDER:** To improve coordination and reduce system kick outs, departments and Finance Budget Analysts should use BR sequencers that match the last three digits of the BR identifier in Hyperion. For example, BR 0010 with BR Name: 2222-010-BBA-2021-GB. See [Budget Request Naming Convention in Hyperion](#) for additional information.
2. For purposes of this BL, the BR Title must be "**Section 3.60 Pension Contribution Adjustment.**"
3. For departments using the BBA Excel Upload Template, use the drop-down menu to select the appropriate BU, Request ID, Version, and Year.

Baseline Adjustment Type

Departments must select BBA type "**Retirement Rate Adjustments**" from the drop-down menu in the Baseline Adjustment Type tab.

Baseline Adjustments (CY Expenditures and BY-BY4 Expenditures)

Using the drop-down menus, specify the Item, ENY, Program, and Category for each unique combination of funding needed for the adjustment. For purposes of this BL, the only acceptable Category to select is 51506XX (Retirement), unless scheduling adjustments as Distributed Administrative Costs (Program 9900200), which use Category 5342500 (Indirect Distributed Cost). Reimbursements will also be captured in Category 51506XX. Using the dollars scheduled in the current and budget years in Attachment 1, enter the adjustments in the CY Expenditures and BY-BY4 Expenditures tabs in whole dollars and rounded to the nearest thousand. All ongoing BY expenditure dollars should be copied to the BY1-4 columns.

Distributed Administration Costs

Departments that continue to distribute administrative costs will need to reflect that distribution for applicable Retirement Rate Adjustments. To properly reflect the in-and-out nature of distributed administrative costs, a three-entry scheme is required:

1. Program 9900100 (positive adjustment) and Category 51506XX to show the positive total being distributed to a particular program(s).
2. Program 9900200 (negative adjustment) and Category 5342500 to reflect total distributed cost.
3. The program (positive adjustment) that pays for the distributed cost with Category 5342500.

This process results in the dollars associated with a particular program to be included in the program total given the distributed administration cost display. For more details, refer to [Treatment of Distributed Administration](#).

E. Questions

Please direct questions to your Finance Budget Analyst.

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Attachment